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Thousands of years ago aliens experimented on cavemen, supercharging their evolution, and then mysteriously left their experiments behind. These men and women built the city of Attilan and discovered a chemical called Terrigen that unlocked secret super-powers in their modified DNA, making them...

THE UNCANNY INHUMANS

MEDUSA

LASH

ISO

BLACK BOLT

KARNAK

MAXIMUS

TRITON

CAPTAIN MARVEL

BLACK PANTHER

Using a prediction provided by Ulysses, a young Inhuman with the ability to perceive the events of the future, Earth's mightiest heroes came together to stop a being of cosmic power from destroying the world. Another of Ulysses' visions allowed the heroes to apprehend the Mad Titan Thanos, but not without cost——Colonel James Rhodes, a.k.a. War Machine, lost his life.

Wary of Ulysses' power, Tony Stark, the Invincible Iron Man, invaded New Attilan and kidnapped the young Inhuman. Queen Medusa mobilized her people to rescue their brother, but chose to spare Stark from further retaliation. A fringe group of Inhumans, finding her decision weak, destroyed Stark Tower. Medusa sought out the culprits——but shortly, another attack on Stark occurred. Teleporting to the scene of the devastation, she was met by the Ultimates, who, seeing her there, assumed the worst...

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SWITZERLAND.

THE REMAINS OF STARK MANUFACTURING FACILITY SZ-4.

I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.

THE ULTIMATES

AMERICA CHAVEZ--A.K.A. MS. AMERICA

I DON'T CARE.

CAROL DANVERS--A.K.A. CAPTAIN MARVEL

MONICA RAMBEAU--A.K.A. SPECTRUM

T'CHALLA--A.K.A. BLACK PANTHER, KING OF WAKANDA

THE INHUMANS

FRANK McGEE--A.K.A. NUR, NEW ATTILAN SECURITY CHIEF

AHURA--SON OF MEDUSA

MEDUSA--QUEEN OF NEW ATTILAN

LASH--ROGUE PRIEST/FANATIC

PEOPLE ARE DEAD, MEDUSA, ALL OVER THE WORLD.

AND I JUST SAW A FACTORY FULL OF INNOCENT PEOPLE DESTROYED IN YOUR NAME.

YOU CAN EXPLAIN THIS TO ME LATER. RIGHT *NOW*, THOUGH, I--

--DON'T--

--CARE.

LET'S TAKE THEM IN. ALL OF THEM. WE'LL SORT IT OUT AT THE TRISKELION.

YOU GOT IT, CAROL.

CAROL, YOU *KNOW* ME.

THERE IS MORE HAPPENING HERE THAN YOU KNOW.

YES, STARK AND I HAVE OUR ISSUES, BUT--

--I WOULD *NEVER*--

NO, MY QUEEN! DO NOT DEBASE YOURSELF BEFORE THESE *HUMANS!*

THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO ASK YOU *ANYTHING!*

DIE, UNWORTHY SCUM!

THWAM

DAMMIT.

ALL RIGHT.

NNGH!

SZZCK

LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH.

ZZSCK

MEDUSA--WE ARE BOTH LEADERS. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU MUST DEFEND THE INTEGRITY OF YOUR NATION--BUT THIS IS NOT THE WAY.

TELL YOUR PEOPLE TO STAND DOWN.

T'CHALLA, LASH IS NOT *WITH* ME. HE IS ACTING ON HIS OWN, TRYING TO ENSURE THAT I AM BLAMED FOR CRIMES THAT *HE COMMITTED!*

THE *PERSONAL* ATTACKS ON STARK WERE DONE AT MY ORDERS, YES, BUT THE REST--THE DESTRUCTION OF HIS TOWER, THIS FACTORY... I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.

SO. YOUR CASE FOR INNOCENCE IS THAT IT IS NOT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY IF YOUR PEOPLE FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE YOU SET?

FORGIVE ME, MEDUSA.

I AM NOT CONVINCED.

NEW ATTILAN.

BLACK BOLT-- MEDUSA'S EX-HUSBAND

KARNAK-- MAGISTER OF THE INHUMAN TOWER OF WISDOM

WHAT'S BLACK BOLT DOING, ISO?

HE'S JUST ***STANDING*** THERE, READER. A LITTLE BIT IN FRONT OF THE THRONE, NOT FAR FROM KARNAK. LIKE HE'S WAITING FOR SOMETHING.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IT MEANS?

READER-- *INHUMAN VAGABOND*

ISO-- *MEDUSA'S NuHUMAN ADVISOR*

BLACK BOLT IS THE STRONGEST INHUMAN OUT THERE, NOT TO MENTION MEDUSA'S EX AND THE ***FORMER*** KING OF NEW ATTILAN.

IF MEDUSA ASKED HIM TO COME HERE...OR EVEN WORSE, IF SHE ***DIDN'T...***

...THINGS MUST BE GETTING PRETTY BAD.

I THINK SO, TOO. THIS WHOLE SITUATION WITH IRON MAN-- I JUST DON'T GET IT.

TONY STARK'S AN ***AVENGER.*** HE SAVES THE WORLD. ***WE*** SAVE THE WORLD. WHY ARE WE ***FIGHTING*** HIM?

MEDUSA LEFT ME IN CHARGE HERE, TOLD ME TO ***PROTECT*** OUR PEOPLE...BUT SHE DIDN'T ***EXPLAIN*** ANYTHING.

AND THEN BLACK BOLT SHOWS UP, JUST PLANTS HIMSELF IN THE THRONE ROOM, DOESN'T SAY A WORD.

FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, YOU DON'T REALLY WANT BLACK BOLT TALKING. IF HE TALKS, IT USUALLY MEANS THE WORLD IS ENDING.

YEAH, I ***KNOW*** THAT...

...BUT YOU'D THINK MAYBE HE COULD WRITE A ***NOTE.***

ANYONE ELSE FEELING A LITTLE IN OVER THEIR HEADS?

YEAH. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU GUYS GET THE NEWS HERE, BUT I SAW SOMETHING BEFORE I CAME OVER FROM JERSEY--ATTACKS ON STARK'S FACTORIES ARE HAPPENING ALL OVER THE WORLD.

I KNOW IRON MAN FROM THE AVENGERS--HE WON'T JUST SIT THERE AND TAKE IT.

THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE, KAMALA.

GRID

FLINT

KAMALA KHAN--A.K.A. MS. MARVEL

INFERNO

NAJA

IS IT? I KNOW I OWE MEDUSA A *LOT*, NOT TO MENTION CRYSTAL AND THE REST OF THE ROYALS... BUT HOW FAR DOES THAT GO?

I DIDN'T SIGN UP TO JUST GET BEHIND EVERY CRAZY THING THEY DECIDE TO DO.

WAIT, MEDUSA'S BLOWING UP *FACTORIES? KILLING* PEOPLE? THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE HER.

I AGREE. I WAS PART OF THE ORIGINAL PLAN AGAINST TONY STARK--MEDUSA NEVER TOLD ME ABOUT ANYTHING THIS EXTREME.

THEN AGAIN, I GUESS WE DON'T KNOW HER ALL THAT WELL. SHE'S TOUGH AS NAILS, THOUGH, ANYONE CAN SEE THAT. IF SHE WERE PUSHED FAR ENOUGH...IT'S HARD TO SAY.

I DON'T WANT TO PRETEND IT DOESN'T MATTER, BUT RIGHT NOW...*IT DOESN'T MATTER.* WE HAVE A JOB TO DO, AND WE'LL DO IT.

IF IRON MAN ATTACKS NEW ATTILAN, WE'LL KEEP EVERYONE SAFE.

THE CITY SHOULD DO THAT FOR US. NEW ATTILAN IS IN LOCKDOWN MODE, AND INHUMAN DEFENSE TECH IS SOME OF THE BEST ON THE PLANET. EVEN IRON MAN CAN'T GET THROUGH.

AND IF HE DOES, WELL, BLACK BOLT'S UP IN THE THRONE ROOM, ALONG WITH KARNAK. IT'S NOT JUST ON US.

BLACK BOLT IS HERE? WHOA. I DON'T KNOW WHETHER TO BE REASSURED OR TERRIFIED.

I'D GO WITH BOTH.

SWITZERLAND.

MEDUSA! THESE GUYS ARE TOUGH AS HELL! I'M NOT SURE HOW MUCH LONGER WE CAN HOLD OUR OWN!

I AGREE, NUR.

IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE OF STRATEGY.

LOCKJAW! TO ME!

RR?

T'CHALLA! WE'VE GOT TO *SHUT HER DOWN!*

EASIER SAID THAN DONE, CAROL-- I AM WORKING ON IT!

GOOD DOG.

SZZK

[illegible]

ENOUGH, MEDUSA!

SHRRRRM

MEDUSA.

WHERE DID YOU SEND THEM?

WHERE?

DON'T WORRY, CAROL.

THE TRISKELION.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ULTIMATES.

"THEY'RE EXACTLY WHERE YOU WANTED THEM TO GO."

HUH. WELL, THAT CERTAINLY SIMPLIFIES THINGS.

THEY'RE AT THE TRISKELION. SAFE. BY NOW I'M SURE YOUR PEOPLE HAVE THEM IN CUSTODY. JUST AS YOU WANTED.

NOT EXACTLY. I WANTED *YOU* THERE, TOO.

AND I'LL GO. IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, WHEN THIS IS OVER, I'LL TURN MYSELF IN.

BUT AS I SAID, THERE IS MORE HAPPENING HERE THAN WE KNOW.

I COULD *NEVER* ORDER THAT. I WOULD LET STARK *SHAVE MY HEAD* BEFORE I WOULD ORDER THE MURDER OF INNOCENTS.

YOU'RE SAYING LASH ACTED ON HIS OWN? SOME SORT OF *TRIBUTE* TO YOU?

NO. LASH *HATES* NEW ATTILAN. THIS WAS DESIGNED TO *HURT* US. TO CAUSE PEOPLE LIKE *YOU* TO THINK OF US AS MONSTERS.

BUT HONESTLY, I DON'T THINK LASH IS BEHIND ALL OF THIS EITHER. IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE HIS TYPE OF PLAY. TOO SUBTLE. I'M TELLING YOU, CAROL...

"...THERE'S ANOTHER HAND AT WORK HERE."

MAXIMUS THE MAD-- BLACK BOLT'S BROTHER

THE HUDSON RIVER.

BENEATH NEW ATTILAN.

TRITON

GRAH!

WHILE I APPRECIATE THE AIR BUBBLE, TRITON, I MUST ASK...HAVE YOU EVER, EVEN ONCE, BRUSHED YOUR TEETH?

PHEEEW. I'LL BE SMELLING MASTICATED FISH UNTIL THE DAY I DIE.

IF YOU'D RATHER HOLD YOUR BREATH NEXT TIME, MAXIMUS, JUST LET ME KNOW.

OH, DON'T BE SO ***SENSITIVE,*** I'M JUST EXCITED TO BE HOME.

AH, ATTILAN. NEW OR OLD, THERE'S NOWHERE LIKE IT.

YOU KNOW I HAVEN'T BEEN BACK SINCE I BLEW IT UP?

WELL, THE ***LAST*** TIME I BLEW IT UP, ANYWAY.

NICE TO SEE THE LOCKDOWN PROCEDURES STILL WORK. THE ENTIRE CITY'S SEALED UP TIGHT AS A DRUM.

ABOVE THE WATERLINE, ANYWAY. NO ONE EVER THINKS ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING BENEATH THE SURFACE.

YES, TRITON. VERY ***DEEP.*** I GET IT. YOU'RE A VERY ***DEEP*** AQUATIC FISH-PERSON.

WAIT A SECOND. WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?

THE HOOSEGOW!

I WONDER WHO MEDUSA'S GOT LOCKED UP DOWN HERE?

THE ***UNSPOKEN?*** I CAN'T BELIEVE IT. WHY, WEREN'T YOU A ***KING*** ONCE? YOU AND ME BOTH, FRIEND. SEEMS IT'S EASIER TO ***BECOME*** A KING THAN ***STAY*** A KING.

LEAVE ME ALONE, MAXIMUS.

MAXIMUS? MAXIMUS THE MAKER?

HOO BOY, THE THINGS WE COULD DO TOGETHER. JUST GET ME OUT OF HERE, AND--

I KNOW ***YOU.*** YOU'RE THE NAUGHTY BOY WHO GOT UP TO SOME NAUGHTY THINGS WITH THE INHUMAN CODEX.*

YEAH, THAT'S ME. MY NAME'S LINEAGE. SERIOUSLY, THOUGH, IF YOU BREAK ME OUT, WE COULD--

*SEE ***INHUMAN ANNUAL #1*** -CHARLES B.

HMM... NO. I THINK I'LL SAVE YOU TWO FOR ***LATER.***

SOMEONE IS ATTEMPTING TO USE THIS CRISIS TO UNDERMINE MY LEADERSHIP.

IF YOU TAKE ME PRISONER, THEN YOU WILL BE DOING THEIR WORK *FOR* THEM.

YOU SAY THAT LIKE IT'S A BAD THING.

I'M SORRY, MEDUSA. I DIDN'T MEAN THAT.

THERE'S... JUST A LOT GOING ON RIGHT NOW. IT'S HARD TO KNOW IF I'M MAKING THE RIGHT DECISIONS.

SAID EVERY LEADER WHO EVER LIVED.

GIVE ME TWO DAYS TO PUT MY HOUSE IN ORDER, CAROL. IF I CAN'T FIND OUT WHO'S BEHIND THE ESCALATION OF THE ATTACKS ON STARK, THEN I'LL SURRENDER MYSELF AT THE TRISKELION.

FINE. YOU'RE A WOMAN OF YOUR WORD--WHATEVER ELSE, I KNOW THAT MUCH IS TRUE.

I AM.

QUESTION LASH. YOU'LL BREAK HIM. HIS STRENGTH IS A FAÇADE. DEEP INSIDE, HE'S MOSTLY AFRAID, LIKE EVERY ZEALOT. USE THAT.

I WILL. IF I LEARN SOMETHING USEFUL, I'LL GET WORD TO YOU. TWO DAYS.

TWO DAYS.

ARE YOU INSANE, MOTHER? YOU CAN'T SURRENDER TO THEM!

I WON'T HAVE TO. I THINK I FINALLY UNDERSTAND.

I WAS FOCUSED ON TONY STARK, WHEN I SHOULD HAVE BEEN LOOKING CLOSER TO HOME.

THE ESCALATING CHAOS, THE INTRIGUE, THE ***OPERATIC NATURE*** OF THIS WHOLE THING.

THE WAY WE'VE BEEN MOVED LIKE PIECES ON A GAMEBOARD, ALL BUT ***SUMMONED*** TO THIS PLACE LIKE ANTS TO HONEY.

IT ALL FEELS VERY FAMILIAR, DOESN'T IT?

STARK INT.

WHO TAKES ADVANTAGE OF FRACTURE POINTS TO SOW DISORDER HOWEVER HE CAN?

WHO TEARS DOWN ***EVERYTHING*** IN ENDLESS MISGUIDED ATTEMPTS TO CREATE SOMETHING NEW?

MY GOD, MOTHER...

"...IT'S *UNCLE MAXIMUS.*"

THIS IS IT. THE BACKUP CONTROL MATRIX FOR THE CITY.

YES, I KNOW. I DESIGNED MOST OF IT, AFTER ALL.

WE'RE LUCKY MEDUSA PUT THE CITY ON ALERT, ACTUALLY. THE SECURITY FOLKS WHO WOULD NORMALLY BE DOWN HERE ARE UPSTAIRS GUARDING THE RAMPARTS.

SO MANY FLAWS IN THE SYSTEM, SO LITTLE TIME. KARNAK WOULD HAVE A *FIELD DAY* WITH IT, I'M SURE.

YOU STILL HAVEN'T EXPLAINED WHY WE NEEDED TO COME HERE.

IT'S THE EASIEST PLACE FOR ME TO DEACTIVATE THE CITY'S SECURITY LOCKDOWN.

WHAT? YOU CAN'T DO THAT! YOU KNOW IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE IRON MAN ATTACKS THE CITY, AFTER WHAT WE'VE DONE TO HIM AROUND THE WORLD.

IF YOU TURN OFF THE DEFENSES, OUR PEOPLE WILL *DIE.*

WELL, OF COURSE THEY WILL, TRITON.

IT'S NOT A *TRAGEDY* UNLESS PEOPLE *DIE.*

BOOP!

SKRRRRREEEE

THE CITY IS PULLING ITSELF OUT OF LOCKDOWN MODE. THAT IS...

...UNEXPECTED.

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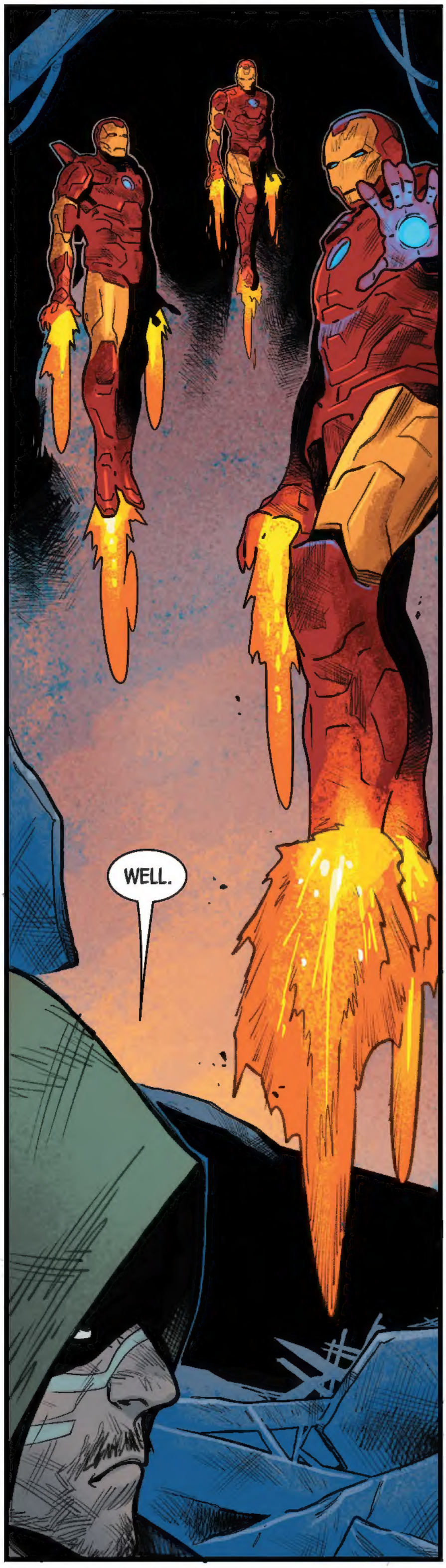
WELL.

"I SUPPOSE WE HAD THIS COMING."
TO BE CONCLUDED!

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENS *NEXT?*

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